

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application Number : 10/734,740 Confirmation No.: 9514  
Applicant : Chung Shih, et al.  
Filed : December 11, 2003  
Title : BIODEGRADABLE TRIBLOCK COPOLYMERS AS SOLUBILIZING AGENTS FOR DRUGS AND METHOD OF USE THEREOF  
TC/Art Unit : 1618  
Examiner: Blessing M. Fubara  
  
Docket No. : 68936.000008  
Customer No. : 21967

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND  
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully requests a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for responding to the Restriction Requirement mailed on April 9, 2007, in the above-captioned application. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including July 9, 2007.

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Restriction Requirement dated April 9, 2007, in the above-captioned application.

The Restriction Requirement proposes to divide the application into four inventions labeled I-IV that are allegedly drawn to “a polymeric composition” (claims 1-3 and 12-17), “a biodegradable drug delivery system” (claims 4-11), “a method for administering a drug” (claims 18-28), and “a method for enhancing the solubility of a drug” (claims 29-43), respectively. In